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LEEDS CASTLE - 31st JULY 1983

To start the day we went in convoy to Maidstone, 10 - 4, Rubber Duck and all that. For example, we had three cars in convoy would have been four, but yours truly lost his chassis due to tin-worm. Anyway, two hours and 55 minutes later with one slight deviation en route can't be bad. Its also a nice feeling when you get three more or less identical cars in a row as its amazing how much attention it causes, how heads turn etc. So, who needs fancy motors anyway.

Arrival at Leeds commenced with a tour around the front gardens before being redirected to the tradesman's entrance. How were we supposed to know it was round the back.....

At a quick guess there was something in the region of 200 - 250 cars in attendance with such a selection as 1930s tourers to Cyclops Series 1 Landrovers to the latest SD 1s.

Some interesting features as well, such as a chauffer driven 3 litre with glass dividing partition. Amongst the cars of interest was the Rover Sports owned by the ex-managing director's daughter, as well as a very nice 10 saloon and an excellent P3 and P2.

Amongst the more modern ones was the P5 and P6 of which a very high standard was set.

The only thing I could fault about the meeting is that if it is supposed to be their National P5 and 6 day, why hold the event so far in one point of the country and not more central such as Hungerford, Oxford, Birmingham etc.

The other point of interest is that some lady managed to change in the middle of the car park. Not any of our crew I'd like to say.

The following are the class wins in the concours.

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| A 1936 Tourer | G 1971 2000 |
| B 1936 10 Saloon | H 1979 3500 SD 1 |
| C 1949 75 | I 1964 MK2 3 litre |
| D 1959 90 | J 1971 3½ saloon |
| E 1962 100 | K 1967 2000 Auto |
| F 1966 MK2 3 litre | L 1976 3500 S |

Distance award went to Mr Griffiths who travelled 160 miles from Poole in Dorset. All in all, a very good day and thoroughly enjoyable. If only we could have had more Club Members there!!

TREASURERS COMMENTS

As the Chairman has nagged me silly, I will make a few comments. Basically we are skint, but as soon as the Club is put on a proper basis, I will be after you for more cash, but first we will have an inaugural meeting so that everyone can have their say in how we should run the HBRO.

If you have any ideas let us know and maybe they can be acted upon.

Forthcoming Events

- 17th August - Wednesday - Meeting at the Wellington. This date was put to the vote and it seems the favourite at the moment. Chairman of the Beenham Gala will be attending to outline the events to be run on Sept. 11th. Also the TVR Club will be coming down to the Wellington on this date.
- 21st August - Run to RSR Midlands rally. Suggest as many as possible per car as its a long distance to Grantham. About 110 mls. Bulletin will be sent in due course but please let me know how many are going and which cars.
- 25th August - Run to RSR meeting at Caversham. They never came to our meeting as promised so let us show them what a Club is all about.
- 11th September - Beenham Gala. Show of as many cars as possible also help required on the day.
- 9th October - HBRO Club rally. Hurst School grounds - Baughurst. Lots of publicity required for this, as well as help in organising. More details later.

Forthcoming evens planned, but no dates as yet

1. Pre Gala Bar-B-Q at Wellington - provisional date 2nd September.
2. Factory visit eg AC, TVR, Panther etc.
3. Run to Blackpool illuminations & TVR visit. Names please, if anyone is interested.

SPARES

John Bailey, The Furze, Blakes Lane, Tadley Tel. Tadley 3065
has a good quantity of 3.5 saloon spares.

Another source of spares is a "Rover Rescue Scheme". Any Rover which is an MOT failure etc. could be obtained for parts. Only one problem, has anyone a barn or garage that could be used to store the car whilst breaking. Please let me know.

Owners of Series 1 Landrovers might like to contact :
Mr A P Turner, 4 Paxton Road, Pitsmoor Sheffield 0742 389337.
He has a good selection including footwell repair panels in 20 gauge steel, with or without dipswitch hole, original Girling brake supply tanks, windscreen & bulkhead rubber, alloy brackets for securing rear of front wings to bulkhead, etc.

Vintage and Classic spares Company have 3/3.5 litre front side flasher units complete for £9.50 : 142 C Hartlebury Trading Estate
Kidderminster,
Worcestershire. 0299 251353 Tel.No.

New Members

Andy Smith 29 Silverdale Road Tadley P5 Saloon
Brian Wheeler 34 Reading Road, Burghfield Common P5 Coupe
Iain Smith 53 Old Kempshott Lane Basingstoke P4-95
Dave Cuthbert 313 Cranbourne Lane, Basingstoke Short wheel base
Land Rover
Mike Burkitt 46 Ascension Close, Basingstoke P4 110